

CALL LINK ORDER MEASURE OF MILITARISM

Denounced as a militaristic measure, an order creating a commission of military preparedness was referred to the finance committee last night. The proposed commission will consist of five aldermen and ten citizens, who will make a study of military education and training and report back to the council with conclusions and recommendations.

The order was introduced by Ald. Frank Link, who was the only one to defend it.

He contended that this would not lead to militarism, but to preparedness, and that the youth of the city would benefit by military training under competent instructors in public parks and playgrounds.

"This is a matter for the government to decide, not the city council," said Ald. Kennedy. "It is beyond our scope."

"If such a commission should be appointed the school board should do it," said Ald. Merriam.

"We should make a better job of teaching our boys to make a living than to shoot their brothers," said Ald. Utpatel.

"Such a system would supplant the militia," Ald. Link told a Day Book reporter. "It would develop democracy and preparedness, as Switzerland has done. It would permit hundreds of boys whose parents are union men or union sympathizers to acquire military training, which they would never receive because of the strike clause in the militia law. I feel that my motives have been misunderstood."

Mayor Thompson broke all precedents today by personally quizzing murder suspect, Fred Logue, "glass pistol robber," suspected of murder of Policeman John Burke.

In letter to State's Att'y Hoyne, Att'y General Lucey demands grand jury prosecution of Dr. Harry Haiselden.

FORD, ILL., PRAISED BY NORSE NEWSPAPERS

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Christiania, Dec. 21.—Henry Ford, who insisted yesterday that his illness was only slight, was in bed today and it was believed possible his sickness may be serious. Until he is fully recovered the Ford peace party will remain in Christiania.

In the past 24 hours Norwegian public opinion has veered sharply in favor of Ford. The newspapers today described Ford as a man of admirable personality, but continued to "josh" the delegates, particularly criticizing Mme. Schwimmer, the Hungarian peace delegate. The Aftenposten accused Mme. Schwimmer of cabling from New York to imaginary peace committees in Europe for the purpose of fooling Ford.

The Tidensteg, a leading Norwegian paper, called Ford "another Tolstoi," but declared he brought to Europe only his personality, which was insufficient.

SPAIN BUYS U. S. MUNITIONS TO ARM TROOPS

New York, Dec. 21.—Spain has entered the American market to buy \$20,000,000 worth of munitions of war and machinery to complete the equipment of Spanish munition plants. Francisco Gavier Salas, Spanish consul-general in New York, admitted to the United Press today that a commission of five military officers has been in the United States since last February quietly engaged in rounding up huge orders of military supplies.

Four hundred million cartridges and shells already have been ordered for earliest possible delivery, Consul Salas said. Many rifles and field guns of various types will be required, but no orders have yet been placed for arms because American manufacturers have boosted their prices to an exorbitant figure in their trade with the belligerent governments.